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MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION AUTHORIZES ADDITIONS
TO SEVEN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Additions totaling 3,031 acres for seven National Wildlife Refuges were authorized on March 29 by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, Commission Chairman, announced today.

The seven refuges to be enlarged and their authorized additions are: Columbia National Wildlife Refuge in central Washington, 2,044 acres; the Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge in Missouri about sixty miles north of St. Louis, 446 acres; Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge in southeastern North Dakota, 39 acres; Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in northwestern Minnesota, 410 acres; the Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge on Long Island in New York, 6 acres; the Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge on the Mississippi River in Illinois, Iowa, and, Missouri, 46 acres north of Burlington, Iowa; and Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, 40 acres in northwestern, Missouri. Total cost of all lands approved for purchase amounted to \$454,900.

The Commission also authorized flowage easements of 78 acres at the Tewaukon Refuge to permit raising water levels for waterfowl habitat improvement, and the leasing of 945 acres of Indian lands for the Ouray National Wildlife Refuge in east central Utah.

Funds for the purchase of waterfowl refuge lands come from the sale of "Duck Stamps" to waterfowl hunters, conservationists, and stamp collectors.

In addition to Secretary Udall, members of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission are Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor, United States Senator Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska, United States Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana, United States Representative Frank M. Karstem of Missouri, and United States Representative Silvio O. Conte of Massachusetts.

Ex officio members of the Commission on March 29, representing States where additions were authorized, were: Kenneth Gehrman, Property Management Supervisor, Washington Department of Game, Olympia, Washington; William E. Towell, Director, Missouri Conservation Commission, Jefferson City, Missouri; Albert Hall, Assistant Director of Fish and Game, New York Conservation Department, Albany, New York; and John E. Phelps, Acting Director, Utah Department of Fish and Game, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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